

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application and discussions with Applicant's representative are noted with appreciation.

The Examiner indicated that claims 26 and 48 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 26; accordingly, claim 26 has been canceled. Claim 40 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 48 and intervening claim 46; accordingly, claims 46 and 48 have been canceled. Claim 47 has been amended accordingly to correct dependency. Claim 49 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The application is now in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any issues remain the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Also being filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to July 20, 2006 with the appropriate fee. Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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